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SUBJECT: RETURN OF GROUNDED TU-154'S TO USSR

REF: A. CAIRO 1826 B. CAIRO 9883

FROM MAESTRONE

1. EGYPTIANS WERE EVIDENTLY SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING USSR TO TAKE BACK REMAINING SEVEN TU-154'S PURCHASED SOME TIME AGO BY EGYPTAIR, AND GROUNDED SINCE EIGHTH ONE CRASHED LAST JULY. FOUR HAVE ALREADY LEFT CAIRO AIRPORT, AND REST ARE SUPPOSED TO LEAVE IN NEXT TENDAYS. SOVIET CREWS HAVE BEEN SENT TO FLY THEM OUT.

2. NO DETAILS HAVE YET BEEN MADE AVAILABLE AS TO FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT WERE WORKED OUT, BUT SATISFACTION OF EGYPTAIR OFFICIALS MAKES IT APPEAR THAT THEY DID NOT DO BADLY. RUMOR HAS IT THAT SOVIETS EVEN AGREED NOT TO PRESS FOR PAYMENT COVERING CHANGES REQUIRED TO ALTER INTERIORS, INSTALLED AT GOE'S REQUEST AND NOT DESIRED BY RUSSIANS SINCE IT DOES NOT FIT WITH THEIR OWN DECOR (WHICH IS REPORTEDLY FAR INFERIOR).

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3. COMMENT: DEPARTURE OF TUPOLEVS, IF PROPER ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE, WILL RELIEVE EGYPT OF ONE OF THE BURDENS IT HAS BEEN FORCED TO CARRY DURING PERIOD OF EXTREME FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FOR COMPANY. DECISION TO SPLIT OPERATION INTO THREE SEPARATE COMPANIES (REF B) WHICH IS EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE, MAY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO SHIFT PART OF EXCESS PERSONNEL (WHICH EGYPTAIR CARRIES AS RESULT OF GOE EMPLOYMENT POLICIES) AWAY FROM FLYING END OF BUSINESS, PERMITTING A MAJOR REDUCTION IN OVERHEAD AND INCREASING POSSIBILITY OF PROFITABLE OPERATIONS.  
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